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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Situation in India

1. The Board and appropriate Staff members discussed current developments in India at this morning's meeting.
2. The Board wishes to go on record as being seriously disquieted, if not somewhat alarmed.
3. The Board's disquiet arises principally from the possibility that India may turn from a somewhat friendly neutral to a definitely unfriendly neutral. The Board is far more concerned along these lines than that the Indians may actually enter into close relations with the Soviet Bloc.
4. In the course of the discussion it was noted (a) that the British probably possess better sources of information on the attitude of the Indian government than ourselves; and (b) that if the Indian government were preparing to break with the US, it might telegraph the punch in the press and radio.

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